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1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH INFLUENTIAL PINOCHET ADVISER JAIME GUZMAN APRIL 6, I BROUGHT UP QUESTION WHETHER THE AUTHORITIES WOULD PERMIT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (PDC) EDITOR EMILIO FILIPPI TO PUBLISH NEW WEEKLY MAGAZINE "HOY". DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT WHEN GOVERNMENT DISSOLVED PDC MARCH 11-12, SANTIAGO AUTHORITIES ISSUED DECREE REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR APPEARANCE OF ANY NEW PUBLICATION. AT THAT TIME FILIPPI AND FORMER EDITORIAL STAFF OF "ERCILLA" -- WHICH HAD PASSED OUT OF HANDS SYMPATHETIC TO PDC -- WERE PLANNING TO START UP "HOY".

2. I TOLD GUZMAN THAT FOREIGN OBSERVERS WERE WATCHING CAREFULLY TO SEE HOW GOC HANDLED THIS PROBLEM. ABRUPT DISSOLUTION OF PDC HAD BEEN A DISASTER -- HE ECHOED THE WORD -- AND PROHIBITION OF THE PUBLICATION OF "HOY" WOULD BE REGARDED AS A FURTHER BLOW AT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND INFORMATION.

3. GUZMAN SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE FOREIGN
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REACTION WOULD BE AND PREDICTED THAT GOC WOULD PERMIT
"HOY" TO BE PUBLISHED.

4. APRIL 7 DAILY LA TERCERA REPORTS MEETING OF FILIPPI WITH GOVERNMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION AUTHORITIES, IN TONE IMPLYING THAT THE NEW WEEKLY WOULD APPEAR AFTER OFFICIAL STUDY OF REQUIRED INFORMATION CONCERNING IT. FROM

PDC SOURCES WE HEAR MATTER IS BY NO MEANS SETTLED. WHILE
AUTHORITIES WERE CORDIAL WITH FILIPPI, THERE IS NO ASSURENCE
THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED WILL BE SATISFACTORY.
BUT IN ANY EVENT, GOC HAS BEEN GIVEN OUR VIEWS.
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